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SUBJECT: TOURISM AGREEMENT

1. IN DECEMBER, DURING THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO WARSAW, THE POLES WERE SOUNDED OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TWO-WAY TOURISM. THE POLES WERE ADVISED THAT IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WERE REACHED, IT WOULD BE THE UNITED STATES' FIRST TOURISM AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER NATION.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, DISCUSSIONS WERE INITIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO CONCERNING A TOURISM BILATERAL. TALKS CONDUCTED MARCH 29-31 IN GUADALAJARA HAVE RESULTED IN A DRAFT AGREEMENT TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY EACH SIDE, SUBJECT TO HIGHER REVIEW.
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3. THE AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED EARLY IN MAY. EMBASSY IS ADVISED THAT PROPOSED U. S. - POLAND AGREEMENT ON TOURISM IS NO LONGER LIKELY TO BE A FIRST IN THE U. S., BUT THAT U. S. WOULD STILL CONSIDER SUCH A PACT. CHRISTOPHER

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